

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) An implantable gastro-intestinal device comprising:
a gastric bypass comprising an inlet and an outlet and comprised of a permeable material;
an inflatable ~~expandable~~ chamber attached to the gastric bypass;
an ~~optional~~ esophageal extension attached to the inlet of the gastric bypass,
wherein food passes into the gastric bypass through the esophageal extension;
an ~~optional~~ a small bowel extension attached to the outlet of the gastric bypass
and comprised of a permeable material, wherein the small bowel extension receives
material exiting the outlet of the gastric bypass.
2. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the gastric bypass comprises a
flaccid gastric bag.
3. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the gastric bypass comprises
ribbing molded therein, wherein the ribbing maintains an open volume in the gastric bypass in
the absence of compressive forces thereon.
4. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the gastric bypass comprises a
sleeve containing a wire, wherein the sleeve and wire cooperate to maintain an open volume in
the gastric bypass in the absence of compressive forces thereon.
5. (Currently amended) An implantable gastrointestinal device of claim 1
~~comprising:~~
~~— a gastric bypass comprising an inlet and an outlet;~~
~~— an expandable chamber attached to an outer surface of the gastric bypass, wherein~~
the expandable chamber comprises a plurality of adjacent subchambers in fluid

communication with each other, wherein the plurality of adjacent subchambers are distributed over at least a portion of the outer surface of the gastric bypass, and wherein the plurality of adjacent subchambers maintain an open volume in the gastric bypass in the absence of compressive forces thereon[[:]]

~~an optional esophageal extension attached to the inlet of the gastric bypass;
wherein food passes into the gastric bypass through the esophageal extension;
—— an optional small bowel extension attached to the outlet of the gastric bypass;
wherein the small bowel extension receives material exiting the outlet of the gastric bypass.~~

6. (Original) A device according to claim 5, wherein the plurality of adjacent subchambers are arranged in a quasi-geodesic pattern.

7. (Currently amended) An implantable gastro-intestinal device of claim 1 ~~comprising:~~

~~—— a gastric bypass comprising an inlet and an outlet;
wherein the expandable chamber comprises an expandable asymmetric toroidal chamber located proximate the inlet of the gastric bypass, wherein the toroidal chamber holds the inlet in an open configuration when the toroidal chamber is inflated[[:]]
an optional esophageal extension attached to the inlet of the gastric bypass;
wherein food passes into the gastric bypass through the esophageal extension;
—— an optional small bowel extension attached to the outlet of the gastric bypass;
wherein the small bowel extension receives material exiting the outlet of the gastric bypass.~~

8. (Original) A device according to claim 7, wherein the gastric bypass is flaccid outside of the toroidal chamber.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (New) The device of claim 3, wherein the ribs are encapsulated within the walls of the gastric bypass.

11. (New) The device of claim 3, wherein the ribs are disposed longitudinally within the gastric bypass.

12. (New) The device of claim 3, wherein the ribs are disposed helically within the gastric bypass.

13. (New) The device of claim 4, wherein the sleeve and the wire are disposed helically around the gastric bypass.